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COMMUNITY NEWS

Editorial

How yer gettin' on?

It's not what you do in this life, it's the way that you do it. A few people are remembered for their acts or achievements like David's triumph over Goliath or Churchill's wartime oratory but, for most mere mortals, I fear our best endeavours are soon forgotten, as indeed are momentous events.

I recall commiserating with a Cornish friend when the Torrey Canyon ran aground in 1967 releasing 120,000 tonnes of crude oil, much of it onto the coast of Cornwall. His sardonic response was that the general public won't even remember the name a year from now.

Ask any of Anne Robinson's victims to name the last six prime ministers in chronological order and I suspect the link might be quite weak! We may like to think our visible contributions to society are memorable but on the whole few remember what you've done – but they do remember how you made them feel.

There's a big red grab lorry called Jumbo in Hoxne. Jumbo lumbers through our streets about his daily business which is often dirty, noisy and sometimes destructive. Not exactly an enhancement to the rural idyll. But he has a job to do. And then you see that unexpected greeting inscribed on his cab, 'How yer gettin' on?' It's as if he's saying sorry for the inconvenience – I'll be as quick as I can and, all at once, Jumbo has made you feel a little better.

None of this is to say that we shouldn't do our bit, remembered or not. As Ignatius Loyola succinctly put it, 'labour and ask for no reward'. I don't think he was referring to payment so much as praise. If public acclaim or self-aggrandisement is the motivation for an undertaking, it will soon be recognised as such. But anyone who has to make a difficult decision or implement an action that won't please everyone would do well to consider how it will make people feel and that's down to the way they do it. Bubble wrap is less damaging than shrapnel.

The effect will probably be the same but the way it makes people feel won't, and that's the bit they will remember. Call it diplomacy if you like but I prefer thoughtfulness.

'How yer gettin' on?' is a peculiarly Suffolk expression which, by its nature, invites response and that is the opening to dialogue, which is, after all, at the heart of human communication.

Silly Suffolk? Not on your life, eh, Jumbo?

JB

Diary dates

Saturday May 28

King Size Papas band - St Edmund's Hall

Sunday May 29 / Monday May 30

Art Exhibition and Craft Stalls,

St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

Tuesday June 7

Phoenix trip to Blackwater Estuary

Saturday June 11

Memorial concert for Anne Gee,

Wingfield Church

Artisan Market - St Edmund's Hall

Horham Bygones Rally

Sunday June 12

Clock Appeal Cream Tea,

Old Vicarage, Hoxne

RBL Garden Party - 2 Church Close, Hoxne

Friday June 17

Hoxne School Summer Fair

Hoxne Playingfield

Saturday June 18

Syleham open gardens

Clock Appeal family quiz,

St Edmund's Hall

Tuesday June 21 - Sunday July 3

Village crafts - Wingfield Barns

Saturday June 25

Hoxne Church Fete - Hoxne Playingfield

Wingfield Village Fete - Wingfield Barns

Sunday June 26

Hoxne open gardens

St Edmund's Pre-school open day

Friday July 1

Rough Cast *Comedy of Errors* - Hoxne Swan

Friday July 8

Hartismere School auction of promises

Saturday July 9

Artisan Market - St Edmund's Hall

Garage sale, 65 Goldbrook, Hoxne

Family BBQ - Syleham and Wingfield

Village Hall

Saturday July 16

Hoxne Music Festival jumble sale,

St Edmund's Hall

Suffolk Police Choir - St Edmund's Hall

Monday July 18

Wave of Prayer Service - Hoxne Church

Saturday August 6

Syleham Summer Fete - Monks Hall

Saturday August 13

Artisan Market - St Edmund's Hall

Hoxne Theatre Club anniversary dinner,

St Edmund's Hall

Saturday September 10

Suffolk Churches Bike Ride

Gislingham Silver Band - Hoxne Church

Saturday September 24

RBL Coffee Evening,

Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

Sunday September 25

St Edmund's Pre-school car boot sale,

Hoxne Playingfield

■ For church services,
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■The Open Space Theatre Company added another feather to its cap when it 'brought the house down' with Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* at St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne. Prolonged applause and an encore said it all. Wilde's masterpiece of wit and satire has pleased audiences for more than 100 years; Open Space held good to the tradition. Next on the list is Blue Angel, a mix of music and drama, set in Frankfurt in the 1920s. Look out for dates in November and December.

■Hoxne Village Fete, organised by the Parish Church, moves to a new venue and a new date this year – Hoxne Playingfield on Saturday June 25.

■John and Jane Langley are organising a garage sale at 65, Goldbrook, to raise funds for the Hoxne Jubilee Clock appeal and the charity SERV which transports blood for the NHS out of hours at no cost. The sale will be on same day as the Hoxne Artisan market, Saturday 9 July from 10am to 4pm. Refreshments will be served after 2pm to 4pm. The sale will include items such as clothes, books, DVD's, bedding, material, stationery. You never know what you may find!

■The Fressingfield Garden Festival 2011 takes place over the week-end of Saturday and Sunday 18th and 19th June from 10am to 5pm. Programmes will be on sale at the Sancroft Hall; entrance to the gardens is £4 per person and this covers one or both days. Children FOC. There is a market place with nearly 20 stalls, a decorated church, festival food, a children's trail and ice cream! Proceeds to children and youth groups in Fressingfield. For

OUT AND ABOUT...

more information contact Keith Dobson on 586221.

■Harleston Choral Society will be singing Haydn's Imperial 'Nelson' Mass, Zadok the Priest and The King Shall Rejoice from Handel's Coronation Anthems on Saturday 18 June at 7pm in St John's Church, Harleston. Tickets £10 (accompanied children free) from Harleston Community and Tourist Information Centre, Pat and Bryan Green on 668379 (email: patandbryan1@madasafish.com - or on the door.

■An exhibition of Village Crafts is being held at Wingfield Barns from Tuesday 21st June until Sunday 3rd July. Opening times are Tuesday until Saturday 10am until 5 pm, Sundays 11 am until 4 pm.

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Auction promises to be 'of note'

Many of us, particularly in Hoxne and Denham, but also in Wingfield and Syleham, have seen family members pass their secondary school years at what is now called Hartismere School in Eye. Many will have heard of the innovative ideas implemented by the 'new' headteacher, Mr McAtear, and even more will hold dear the enthusiasm and influence of Miss Sarah-Jane Bullock, head of music.

As Hartismere has been designated a Music College since September 2010, the PTA has dedicated this school year to raising funds for the music department.

To this end a small group of its members is organising an Auction of Promises in the Lines Hall at Hartismere School on Friday July 8 – 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Your £5 ticket will include the cold buffet and your first drink, as well as the opportunity to spend your money

under the watchful gaze (no pun intended) of Hartismere 'old boy', Ed Smith.

At the time of writing we already have several fantastic pledges! It is definitely well worth bidding either on the day, or using a proxy bidding form (available in the brochure or on the website).

Brochures, detailing the lots are available locally - including from Peter and Emma at Hoxne Post Office - and tickets will be on sale from PTA members. Please use the following contacts, from whom details can be obtained or last minute lots can be entered.

You can log on to the Hartismere website www.hartismere.com to look at the list of offers - follow the Parents link on the left hand menu.

We look forward to your support.

Lisa Finch 01379 871828

Julie Thompson 01379 668169

What's on at the Barns in June...

The tea shop, terrace, gift shop and exhibitions at Wingfield Barns are open from Tuesday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm and Sunday 11am to 4pm. Why not just drop in for coffee and a look round! The terrace boasts one of the most beautiful views in the area.

Wednesday 8 June, showing *Amelie*, chick flick with chocolate and a glass of wine for £10, (4 for £30). *Tuesday 14 June to Saturday 9 July*, *An Eclectic Passion*, an exhibition of natural forms and abstracts from artist Dick Wolsey.

Tuesday 21 June to Sunday 3 July, *Village Craft Exhibition*, arts and crafts from the local area. *Wednesday 22 June*, Film4All, showing *True Grit*. Tickets £8 (4 for £30). *Saturday 25 June* Wingfield Village Fête at Wingfield Barns. A traditional, fun-filled afternoon for the family, with a beerfest, lots of stalls, games, treasure trail, tombola, hog roast and village craft exhibition. *Sun 26 June* Hoffmeister Ensemble - chamber music. Tickets £10. For more information, call the box office on 01379 384505 or visit www.wingfieldbarns.com

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Teddy Bears 'party' to aid the clock

An Afternoon Cream Tea is being organised at the Old Vicarage, Hoxne on Sunday June 12 from 2pm - 4pm in aid of the Hoxne Jubilee Clock Fund. There will also be a Teddy Bears' picnic for the children who are invited to bring along their favourite teddy bear for the 'best dressed bear' competition. Entry: Adults £5, children under ten, £2, children under two, free. This will be followed by a quiz also for the clock fund on Saturday June 18 at St Edmund's Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start; tickets £5 each. If you would like to bring your own picnic please do. The bar will be open. Tables will be for six people and our question master is Mr John Brawn. To book your table please ring Gill O'Connor 01379 668241.

Club plans to celebrate anniversary

Hoxne Theatre Club is heading for Cromer once again - this year on Thursday 14th July. Every year we fill the coach for this popular day out to see the *End of the Pier Show* and we hope it will again prove to be a popular outing.

We leave Hoxne Post Office at midday and return home about 9pm. This gives everyone time for a stroll along the front, perhaps play a round of putting and also enjoy a fish and chip supper at Mary Jane's before heading back.

This year is the club's 25th Anniversary. The club has been going since 1986/87 and most months we arrange a trip to one of our local theatres, at particular times to Thursford and Cromer and usually in March each year a trip to London. We throw in 'liquid refreshment' to make each trip just a little bit more enjoyable!

This year our annual dinner is to be held on Saturday 13th August to celebrate the anniversary and we invite people from Denham and

Hoxne to join our members for this special occasion at Hoxne Village Hall. We gather at 7pm for 7.30pm for pre-dinner drinks followed by dinner and professional entertainment in the form of a Cabaret by Ollyday who has starred at Thursford and at the *End of Pier Show*. We want to make this a special evening so we do hope as many of you as possible will support this event

If you are interested in joining the Theatre Club or would like to attend either of these two events please get in touch with Nigel or Vivienne Bradford (668551) or Doreen Weller (668291). Members will be advised of full details in the usual way.

■ Wild About Art is an adult learning day at Redgrave and Lopham Fen led by local artist Angela Rawson. Be inspired by nature in this 325-acre nature reserve. The day - Friday June 10, 10am to 3pm - is suitable or beginners or those with some experience £25. Booking essential on 01473 892430.

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Fair Friday for summer event

Hoxne School Summer Fair is on Friday 17th June (yes, Friday!) from 2pm onwards at the playing field. Come along after school for stalls, games & refreshments.

The HSA would like to make a 'running total indicator' to be displayed on the exterior wall of the school, which will show everyone how our fundraising efforts are going, at a glance.

The school recently held a competition for the children to design it and the winner was Year 3 pupil Lizzie Lawrie. We look forward to seeing her design appearing in the playground and hopefully to see the indicator rising up as we continue to raise funds.

Parent governor Dawn Carmen-Jones took part in a sponsored walk on Mothers Day and completed the eight-and-a-half mile course at Kings

Forest, West Stow in 1 hour 40minutes and raised £100 for the HSA. The walk was organised by The Rotary Club at Mildenhall and Dawn says it was both a glorious day and a beautiful place to explore! (don't forget to pay her your sponsorship money if you haven't already!)

The HSA May Ball at Brome Grange was held on Saturday 7th May. The evening included a raffle & auction, including prizes from local companies, a signed Norwich City Football & tea for two at the Ritz! It raised over a fabulous £2000!

Thank you to the band 'Harley Street' for great entertainment and extra special recognition to Macayla Humphrey Moore for her magnificent efforts in fundraising for ths HSA over the last year.

Take to the Blackwater with Phoenix

The Hoxne Phoenix Group is planning an outing to Maldon, which will include a boat trip, on Tuesday June 7. We shall leave Hoxne Post Office at 9.30am and aim to arrive in Maldon in time for coffee. You will then be free to explore Maldon which is a very interesting town.

The boat trip will begin at 2.45pm

on the Viking Saga which takes an hour-and-a-half on the Blackwater Estuary. We hope to be back in Hoxne by 6pm.

The price of this outing is £20 for members and £21 for visitors. If you would like to join us please ring Doreen Weller on Hoxne 668291 to book a seat.

■When Shakespeare includes not one, but two sets of identical twins, what can result but the most hilarious series of mistakes? Add to the mix a wayward husband, a domineering wife and frustrated sister, a father under sentence of death, accusations of theft, infidelity and fraud, and you have the recipe for one of Shakespeare's most entertaining plays. Rough Cast Theatre Company brings Comedy of Errors to the garden of the Hoxne Swan on Friday July 1. Box office 01379 586745. Tickets £8; under 18, £5.

Hot and cold takes toll on trees

A woodland working party in early March saw the removal of over 1000 tree guards, revealing a burgeoning forest, and Pound Lane Wood is finally beginning to live up to its name. The trees are now out-stripping the grasses and the quince and apple trees are laden with developing fruits. However the recent dry weather and the sharp frost at the beginning of May is taking its toll and many of the trees now show evidence of frost damage and lack of water.

The wildflower meadow will be once again a sea of ox-eye daisies, buttercups and red clover, a tribute to all the children who helped to strew the green hay when the meadow was first seeded. The pond continues to give concern as the water level remains low and a leak is suspected.

The Friends of Pound Lane Wood and everyone from Denham, Horham and Athelington are invited to a barbecue at 4pm on the 4th June, at the wood along the Redlingfield Road, a brief AGM will be followed by burgers, sausages and garden games, so come along to join in the fun and see how the woodland has grown. For more details or to become a Friend of the woodland please contact Mike Reeves on 01379 668179.

Friends spend to provide 'convenience'

The annual general meeting of the Friends of Hoxne Church' was held in the Church on Thursday 28th April. In his report the chairman, John Chapman, said that the Friends had an income of over £5000 during the year 2010/11.

It made a grant to the PCC, of £350 towards the cost of moving earth in the churchyard to make space for future graves. It also purchased on behalf of the PCC, a ride-on lawn mower, and a back-pack weed killer.

Another purchase was a mobile toilet which stands on the north side of the Church opposite the car park. (The toilet is owned by the Friends).

Events so far arranged for the coming year are another Art Exhibition with Craft Stalls, taking place in the church on Sunday 29th and Monday

30th May, 10am till 4pm both days.

The Suffolk Police Choir will be singing in St Edmund's Hall on Saturday 16th July. On Saturday the 10th September in Hoxne Church we will be entertained by the Gislingham Silver Band.

The Church Harvest Lunch will take place in October and a quiz in November.

The chairman finished by thanking Margaret Brawn for her secretarial work throughout the year, Jean Chapman for arranging all the catering and to all the committee members for their support. Then on behalf of the committee, he thanked all those who have given food and raffle prizes etc, in support of events, and to those that help to prepare and then clear up afterwards.

Waving the flag for Will and Kate

In the first week of term the children at Sweet Briar Nursery School, Hoxne, had great fun celebrating the Royal Wedding. We decorated the nursery with Union Jack flags which we had painted ourselves, made our own wedding cake and had a street party all dressed up as brides, grooms and wedding guests!

Our summer term plans include looking at all types of different mini beasts, some of which we will collect on our nature walks, discovering all about colours, and a fruit and vegetable week. We will be nurturing our vegetable garden with the advice of Sally and will set up a shop, taste various fruits and vegetables and cook recipes with some of the vegetables we dig up. We will also be doing all our normal activities such as our daily music sessions.

The regular summer camping activity will take place when we will be setting up tents in our meadow, making a pretend river with a blow-up boat so we can go rowing, having picnic lunches and lots of other outdoor adventures!

We are really pleased to have the works completed on our newly improved outside area. New features include a den-making-zone, two sand-pits, all weather multi-purpose play area, giant building block-trolley, decking around our pirate ship climb-



ing frame and a new water butt for capturing rainfall to water our vegetable garden. We have also got lots more shade from our



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We were very sad last term to say 'Goodbye' to Angie and Rosemary. Thank you to both of them for all their hard work over so many years at Sweet Briar, we will miss them greatly. We are very pleased that Laura and Natasha are progressing so well with their Childcare degrees and they are both bringing lots of new and fresh ideas for the children.

We are open five days a week with hours available from 8am – 5pm for children from three months to five years. We aim to be as flexible as possible with hours to suit you and your child's need. You can add hours at very short notice, add on hours at seasonal times, work around shift patterns, take advantage of the term time only arrangements and we run holiday Playschemes so we are open 48 weeks a year.

If you would like to come for a taster session then we would be more than happy to involve you and your child in one of our sessions. We will also be running our Playscheme over the summer holidays. If you would like to book a taster session or a place on the Playscheme then please contact Sarah Buckley on either: 01379 668480 or email: sarah@sweetbriarnursery.co.uk

Ramblers set out to tackle the Angles Way

A dozen or so members of the rambling section of the Hoxne Garden and Social Club have embarked on a project to walk the beautiful Angles Way, voted the best waterside walk in the country. The group has divided the 78 mile long-distance footpath that stretches from Knettishall Heath to Great Yarmouth, into nine manageable sections. The aim is to walk one section each month. In April, nine of the group completed the first section from Knettishall to Redgrave and all agreed that the walk was living up to its billing.

Meanwhile, in March the rest of the ramblers did a pretty little walk through Starston returning for lunch at the characterful Swan Hotel, Harleston. In April we travelled a little further afield to the Duke of York, very appropriate the day before the royal wedding, at Ditchingham.

Despite the five and a half miles, the maximum distance we like to walk, all agreed that it was one of the best walks we had done.

In May we return to an old favourite, the Queen's Head, Dennington. Then in June we base our walk from the popular Gamekeeper at Old Buckenham.

We walk on the fourth Thursday of the month. Anyone wishing to join in should contact Roger Knight (01379 668403) or David Bell (01379 643113) for details.

Artisan Market looks for innovation

Once again the Hoxne Artisan Market has produced some excellent stalls, though April was very quiet for us, a combination of the beautiful first sunny day of the month and all of us tightening our belts financially.

In May we had some new stalls including a local meat producer Laurel Farm, Eye with eggs, meat and meat products, and other stall holders with plants, soaps, bread and other products. The arrival of Laurel Farm fills the gap left by our other meat stall who moved on to a larger farmers market.

We are continually looking for new and innovative stalls for the market; we need to keep it fresh and interesting and encourage people to pop along each month to buy produce from Daganya Farm and breads from a local artisan baker. We'd like to sell cheeses and delicatessen items so if you know anyone who produces food items and think they would be good



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Stalls are an incredible £8.50 (the only stipulation is that you must get public liability insurance - please ask me for contacts). Priority is given to Suffolk/Norfolk people of any age! It's easy to book and who knows you may make extra money for bills, holidays, the kids' shoes!

If people don't use the market it will close and we need lots of interesting things going on in our village.

I would like to thank all the local people who support us by coming along and people like Pete and Emma at the shop and The Swan for putting up posters each month.

If you have ideas about how to improve the market please let me know; call 07503 153869 or email hoxneartisanmarket@hotmail.co.uk

If you have previously contacted me at a market to ask about a stand please email me your details just in case I have mislaid them in the rush of organising these events.

We also have a fantastic coffee area selling cakes and snacks and amazing scones, come along and try us, just once at least!

Thank you to all those local producers who have a stall and keep coming each month - it is very much appreciated.

HOXNE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Three stand down

At the Council Meeting on 4 April the Chairman expressed his gratitude to the three councillors who were standing down; Vivienne Bradford, Chris Johnson and Victoria Williams. In particular, Vivienne had served on the Council for many years and been the liaison officer with the Suffolk Association of Local Councils.

At the close of the meeting, Philip Flagg was thanked by the Council for all he had done during his tenure as Chairman.

On 16 May, the new Council will meet for the first time after a non-contested election on 5 May. There are two remaining vacancies for Parish Councillors and if you are interested in being co-opted on to the Council, please contact the Clerk or one of the Councillors, as listed on the inside cover of this edition, for further details.

Informative reports

Annual Parish Meeting on 26 April was very well attended with interesting and informative reports being received from many village organisations. A successful raffle was held to kick start the fundraising for the church clock repair work. The minutes will not be approved until the annual meeting next year, but if anyone would like to see them in draft, please contact the Clerk.

Emergency call

At the April Council meeting, PCSO Steven Long informed councillors of an emergency phone number which can be dialled anywhere in the world and your location automatically tracked – this number is 112 and it may be worth storing it in your mobile telephone.

By bus to Norwich

There is a new bus service from Hoxne to Norwich running every Saturday. Timetables are displayed on the noticeboards.

**The Parish Council next meets on Monday 13 June and
Monday 11 July at 7.30 pm at the Playingfield Pavilion.
All are welcome to attend.**

**Sarah Foote, Clerk. Telephone 07554 733621.
Email pc@hoxne.suffolk.gov.uk**

Wedding theme goes with a song

Class 1 at St Edmund's Primary School, Hoxne held its very own Mum's tea party this term and also made a visit to the shops to look at how much things cost and money.

The children visited Banham Zoo in their investigations into endangered animals and felt so strongly about trying to save these animals that they raised £82.50 towards sponsoring a tiger through the World Wildlife Fund.

Class 1 is also busy converting an area in front of the class into a vegetable garden which will allow more hands-on involvement with gardening and enable the children to more closely monitor the produce grown; they plan to plant some herbs and flowers.

The children are looking at weddings this term and also plan to see a puppet show at Hartismere School.

A group of children visited St Edmund's House to sing our Easter songs to the residents and the whole school took part in an Easter service at Hoxne Church too.

To celebrate the Royal wedding the school looked at the royal family tree and decorated the school in preparation for a wonderful street party; as the weather was a little windy on the 27th April it was held inside but everyone had a wonderful time.

Year 2 children wrote their own Royal wedding song which can be sung to the tune of 'A sailor went to sea, sea, sea!' it goes like this:

*When William married Kate, Kate, Kate
The cake fell off the plate, plate, plate*

*It made them rather late, late, late
Instead they had a date, date, date
They went away on honeymoon
But left behind the spoon, spoon, spoon
And so they made a cake, cake, cake
And ate it on their date, date, date*

Years 3 and 4 visited Suffolk Farm Fair at Trinity Park, Ipswich on 28th April where they learnt about where their food comes from, how it is grown, treated, harvested. They saw many animals including some local Metfield pigs, watched working Gundogs and ferret racing and held ducklings.

A couple of children were interviewed by BBC Radio Suffolk while they were having a go at making sausages.

The month of May brought trips for Classes 2 and 3 along with Mendham Primary School to learn about Anglo Saxons as mentioned last time. Year 2 looks forward to a trip to Redgrave and Lopham Fen, and also will be taking part in a residential course at Thorpe Woodlands with Year 3 where they will be enjoying a variety of team building activities including archery.

Class 3 plan to visit the British Museum and attend Crucial Crew at Stowmarket to learn about personal safety.

We are looking forward to having some cricket and football coaching this term with a Sports Partnership Football coach and cricket coach from the Chance 2 Shine scheme coming into school to work with the children and pass on their skills.



Above: Green Flag displayed; below, left: the Royal wedding party and right, viewing the pigs at Suffolk Farm Fair



Big congratulations to the whole school as we received our Eco-schools Green Flag and certificate. Now we need to arrange the flag pole! The school council planned a Green Day for 27th May; the children are collecting sponsorship for a run around the field to raise money to purchase a bench and convert a nettled area into somewhere lovely to sit.

Junior Road Safety Officers

The pupils of our school have been designing a 'Walk to School logo' which is our competition this term. The theme is sport in celebration of London 2012 Olympic Games. We plan to display the designs on our JRSO notice board soon. We are still

trying to remind parents to park sensibly when near our school.

This term will be our last for the Year 6 members and we have really enjoyed being a Junior Road Safety Officer and think it is a great opportunity for young children. We have to submit our scrapbook to Endeavour House, Ipswich this month and hope that we will be able to attend the awards event on 17th June.

It was Walk to School week on 16th to 20th May and we walked from the village to school on the 20th May. Watch out for us out and about too on 15th June when we will take part in the Walking Bus Guinness World Record attempt which is a national event.

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Denham – Barbara Irwin, Reading Hall tel: 01379 870500

Syleham – Mary Lewis, Little Hemplands tel: 669258

Wingfield – John McCracken tel: 01379 384181

Times of worship • June - July 2011

June 2 - Ascension Day

Laxfield 7pm Holy Communion
Fressingfield 7.30pm Hour of Prayer

June 5

Wingfield 10am Family Communion
Syleham 11am Morning Prayer
Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion

June 12 - Pentecost

Hoxne 11.15am Morning Prayer
Wingfield 11am Holy Communion
Denham 11.30am Village Service

June 19 - Trinity Sunday

Wingfield 10am Fathers' Day Service
Syleham 10am Holy Communion
Hoxne 11.15 Holy Communion

June 26

Wingfield 10am Songs of Praise
Syleham 10am Village Worship
Hoxne 10am Family Service and
Baptism

July 3

Wingfield 10am Family Communion
Syleham 11am Morning Prayer
Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion

July 10

Wingfield 11am Holy Communion
Hoxne 11.15am Morning Prayer
Denham 11.30am Village Service

July 17

Wingfield 10am Animal Blessing Service
Syleham 10am Holy Communion
Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion

July 24

Hoxne 10am Family Service
Syleham 10am Village Worship
Wingfield 10am Morning Prayer

July 31

Fressingfield Group

Mendham 10am Benefice Holy
Communion with Mothers Union

Laxfield Group

Cratfield 10.30am
Benefice Holy Communion
Cratfield 6.30pm
Benefice Choral Evensong

**Week-day services are held at Hoxne, second Tuesday at 9.30am;
Denham on the fourth Tuesday at 9.30am (Holy Communion);
Wingfield on Mondays at 12noon; Syleham on Tuesdays at 12noon.**

**The Vicarage, 2 Tansy Meadow, Fressingfield,
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June 2011

Dear Friends & Neighbours,

As you read this we will be half way through the year – as children we are often impatient for time to move along but as we get older we want it to slow down! I have the privilege of going into three primary schools to take assemblies and am often struck how a child can get past a lot of unnecessary preamble and get straight to the point – less inhibitions maybe.

Well, I came across a letter written by the Archbishop to a child, he is often accused as being far too complex and complicated when he speaks, but this letter sums up much about God in a simple yet rich and moving way. I thought it worth sharing.

A six-year-old Scottish girl named Lulu wrote a letter to God: “To God, How did you get invented?” Lulu’s father, who is not a believer, sent her letter to various church leaders, the Archbishop of Canterbury, sent the following letter in reply:

Dear Lulu,

Your dad has sent on your letter and asked if I have any answers. It’s a difficult one! But I think God might reply a bit like this –

‘Dear Lulu – Nobody invented me – but lots of people discovered me and were quite surprised. They discovered me when they looked round at the world and thought it was really beautiful or really mysterious and wondered where it came from. They discovered me when they were very very quiet on their own and felt a sort of peace and love they hadn’t expected. Then they invented ideas about me – some of them sensible and some of them not very sensible. From time to time I sent them some hints – specially in the life of Jesus – to help them get closer to what I’m really like. But there was nothing and nobody around before me to invent me. Rather like somebody who writes a story in a book, I started making up the story of the world and eventually invented human beings like you who could ask me awkward questions!’

And then he’d send you lots of love and sign off. I know he doesn’t usually write letters, so I have to do the best I can on his behalf. Lots of love from me too.

+Archbishop Rowan

**God bless
Susan**

Revd Susan Loxton (Tel: 01379 586040) is priest-in-charge of Denham, Fressingfield, Hoxne, Mendham, Metfield, Weybread and Withersdale

Revd Canon Fiona Newton (Tel: 01986 798266) is priest-in-charge of Brundish, Cratfield, Laxfield, Syleham, Wilby and Wingfield and Rural Dean of the Hoxne Deanery

St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

Annual report

Our priest-in-charge, the Revd Susan Loxton, has introduced a new service book for the regular pattern of Sunday worship to be used for Holy Communion, Morning Prayer and Family Service with the help of non-stipendiary clergy, principally Peter Schwier, and three Hoxne Lay Elders and Lay Reader, Elaine Cawdell. Another innovation, the Prayer Box by the pulpit, is proving to be well used. The children's corner is still much used during family services. The time of this service is 10am. Other regular Sunday services are at 11.15am.

We continue to promote the involvement of members of the congregation in these services in as many ways as possible, adding a welcome dimension to the pattern of prayer. But the PCC is always open to new ideas and welcomes suggestions or indeed initiatives from the wider community. The church is here for all, not just the few.

Jim Kirkham and Tessa Bevan are now regular organists in the church, greatly enriching the substance of our worship and we thank them for their commitment. Overall, attendances are being maintained and improved, as is contact with St Edmund's Primary School and the St Edmund's Pre-School, both of which continue their involvement with the activities of the church.

Two items from the previous annual report, the Heritage Trail and the Church Welcome signs, are now securely in place thanks to the Parish Council and Stephen Govier, and Bill Herrington's woodwork-ing skills. The enhanced history display,

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as well as providing visitor interest, is also an important and accessible village archive. The church finances continue to show an improvement in cash flow and further progress towards achieving a credit balance. Again the parish has met the Diocesan quota which is both commendable and encouraging. However, there is little room for complacency as the finances are still very much hand to mouth.

(This is an extract from the churchwardens' annual report; copies of the full report are available from Brian Chester (669157) or John Ball (668222).

Mothers Union

The Mothers' Union meets on the third Monday of every month at 2pm Time House, Low Street.

Monday June 20th - no meeting.

Monday July 18th, 2pm Wave of Prayer Service at St Peter and St Paul Hoxne.

Rev Susan Loxton will lead this service which links us with our paired branches in Kenya, the Windward Islands and Ballarat Australia. Afterwards tea will be served and there will be a Bring and Buy stall in the church.

If you are interested in the work of the MU please contact Cathie McGregor 01379 668434.

Flower rota

June 5th and 12th

Altar - Caroline Ball

Porch - Cathie McGregor

June 19th and 26th

Altar - Melanie Banham

Porch - Sue Wood

July 3rd and 10th

Altar - Elaine Cawdell

Porch - Cathie McGregor



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July 17th, 24th and 31st (Benefice service - Mendham)

Altar - Eleanor Hart

Porch - Suzanne Lewis

St John, Denham

While the PCC await the return of the builders to improve the drainage and complete the internal repairs, we have been turning our thoughts to improving the access to the church. Still under discussion are proposals to consolidate the drive and path and install suitable disabled access. Plans are being considered to manage the churchyard as a wildlife habitat, without allowing the area to have an unkempt look, though grass cutting will as usual be delayed until after the rare wild flowers that grow in the churchyard have seeded.

The Village Service for June is at 11.30am on the 12th and the July service will be on the 10th both being preceded by refreshments and fellowship at 11am. A short service of Holy Communion will be conducted on Tuesday 28th of June and

the 26th of July with both services beginning at 9.30am.

St Margaret, Syleham

Easter Weekend

Many thanks to all visitors who attended the Flower Festival and Art Exhibition over the Easter weekend; approximately £1,200 was raised towards repairs to the church tower, and there was a good turnout for the Songs of Praise service on Easter Sunday.

Summer Lunch and Summer Fete

Mentioned in the Feb-March issue – the Summer Lunch planned for 2 July will not be taking place, but the Summer Fete will be going ahead on 6 August.

Churchwarden

It is with sadness and great affection that we say farewell to Marion Minns who has been such a hard worker and inspiration since taking on the role in April 2008. Thanks and gratitude go to both Marion and Leonard Minns who have played such an important role in our church. Marion will be replaced by Mrs Mary Lewis (contactable on 669258).

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Reminder

Open Gardens in Syleham will be taking place on Saturday 18 June 10am-6pm. Admission is £4 per head with car parking and toilets at the Village Hall, tickets and maps available at Paramoosh Pink Cottage (opposite the Village Hall) and also at Floodgate, The Mill.

There will be refreshments at Little Hemplands and light lunches at The Manor. We hope to have a lovely sunny day to make it an even more enjoyable experience.

See page 36 for the church's report to the village's annual parish meeting

St Andrew, Wingfield

On 27 March our vicar, **Fiona Newton**, was installed as a canon of St Edmundsbury Cathedral, and we warmly congratulate her.

On Sunday 10 April, **Bishop Nigel** conducted the Deanery Confirmation Service at Wingfield which was very well attended. We were delighted to welcome Trish Peruzzi from our parish into the church. Easter Sunday Family Communion was also a very well attended and happy service, enjoyed by people of all ages. By the time you read this we shall have held our **Flower Festival**, but will be looking forward to the village fete, previewed elsewhere in this magazine.

On Saturday 11 June at 3p.m. the church will be the venue for a concert in memory of **Anne Gee**, who died last December and is much missed. A varied programme includes songs performed by Jacqui Dankworth and Liz Brice, and Haydn's Nelson Mass performed by the Harleston Choral Society. We look forward to a full church.

On 17 July we are hoping to repeat last year's successful **Animal Service**. We particularly specialise in horses in Wingfield!

Times of services at St Andrew's:

These changed in May. We shall still have Communion on the first and second Sundays of the month, Family Service on the third and Morning Prayer on the fourth, but the times will be 10am on the first Sunday, 11am on the second and 10am again on the third and fourth Sundays.

Artists set out to show their wares

Once again on the last weekend of June (25 & 26) and the first two of July (2 & 3 and 9 & 10) the artists of the Harleston and Waveney Art Trail will be welcoming visitors to their open studios and gardens.

Formed in 2005 HWAT is a professional group of artists who have chosen to live and work in the beautiful Waveney Valley. All the 38 artists studios and workshops are within an eight-mile radius of Harleston with its fine gallery.

Within the group there are painters , sculptors, ceramicists and artists who work in textiles, glass, mosaic and film.

The surprise donation of a prize draw trip to Venice makes this an Art Trail not to be missed. An exhibition of mini-works from every artists in the trail will be held at the Harleston Gallery (01379 855366), where all the details of the studios and prize draw can be found.

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Much to see at pre-school open day

We would like to welcome Alex and her mum Gemma to St Edmund's Pre-school and wish them well as they settle into their new home in Hoxne.

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Easter bingo and to Clive Baxter who did a fantastic job as the caller on the evening. We were really happy to see so many people joining in the fun. The profit from the evening was an amazing £390! Thank you to those who had a go at naming the teddy, the winner of the bear was Janet Fairweather.

It was a busy time getting ready for Easter. In the school holiday we held our Easter playscheme and the children decorated eggs and made delicious pizzas! Then we had the Royal Wedding to celebrate. We had a Prince and Princess day and set up tables outside for our lunch complete with Union Jacks and handmade crowns for our very own street party.

Looking forward to the first half of the summer term we have a theme of Going to the Zoo! We have already had an exciting trip to Banham Zoo in May for the children and their families and the Little Treasures children and parents too.

The children had lots of fun exploring the zoo and we will spend the next few weeks finding out more about animals – we will be using ice and sand to create different environments and we will be busy working on some very special artwork to display along with the children's

photos at the Open Day on Sunday 26th June. We hope lots of people will want to come and visit the pre-school to see our new look garden and our art and photography exhibits. We will be opening the pre-school from 1.30pm to coincide with the Hoxne Open Gardens.

There will be the opportunity to come along and see what pre-school has to offer, children can try out the new climbing wall, play in the sandpit or try their hand at clay sculpting. We will also have delicious home-made cakes on sale so make sure you call in and say hello. We are also welcoming our MP Dr Dan Poulter who has been very supportive of the pre-school - he will be visiting on the day to take a look at our new outdoor facilities.

In July we will be welcoming Rachel Baker (from IMPs) back to run parent and child play sessions outdoors on the themes of sand, earth and water following the success of the Imagination Station sessions earlier this year.

We continue to have fun with Janet Koralambe at our Thursday music sessions and are planning to make some drums (so listen out for those!). We also have a trip to Jimmy's farm, our sports day and beach trip to look forward to.

Pre-school is open five days a week at the St Edmund's Hall (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9.30-3pm and Wednesday and Friday 9.30-1pm). We take children aged from two years until they leave for school. We work ►►



At the zoo - waves from the train; hands on with a lizard.

closely with St Edmund's Primary School to support the children's transition into school.

Parents can claim 15 hours free care each week using the Government funding for children aged three years and up.

We are able to take children still in nappies and our hourly rate is £2.60

regardless of the child's age.

We also run Little Treasures a group for parents to stay and play with their children aged from early months upwards. This is a drop in session on Wednesday 10am -12noon and we look forward to seeing you there!

Please call the pre-school for more details on 07768872135.

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Pot Luck supper is 'fool's day' success

The Save The Children 'Pot Luck Mystery Supper', mentioned in the last issue of *Village Voice*, and held on April 1, turned out not to be such a 'foolish' idea. An initial gathering with fizz and nibbles got the 'party' off to a sparkling start; then 30 guests drew supper destinations out of a hat and were dispatched to mystery locations around Hoxne where five cooks played host to six guests. Friends, neighbours and strangers, thrown together by chance, sat down to a two course meal and got to know each other a little better. Reports were that a thoroughly good time was had by all. Not only were funds raised but equally important there were new offers of help and support for Save The Children.

Jan Murray

Jumble call for festival funds

Hoxne Music Festival committee has arranged a series of events during the rest of the year, to raise money towards staging the 2012 festival weekend. The first is a jumble sale in the St Edmund's Village Hall in Hoxne on Saturday July 16 from 10 am. If you would like to have a sort out in the attic or garage and wish to bring along items you can do so on Saturday morning before the sale, or call committee chairman Stuart Jarrold on 01379 668317 to arrange collection. There is also a general knowledge quiz on Saturday September 17 at St Edmund's Hall and a special Christmas Music Show on Wednesday December 28, also at the village hall. More details in the *Village Voice* later in the year.

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Branch reviews activities as numbers fall

Unfortunately the President's Coffee Evening normally held in April by the Hoxne Branch of the Royal British Legion was cancelled - however in its place the president is carrying out a sponsored cycle ride through Suffolk from Ipswich to either Bury St Edmunds or Brome. If you would like to sponsor Marshall, please contact him on 01473 311676.

At the last meeting in May, at which only five members attended, it was discussed and agreed by those present, that a review of the branch's activities was required in view of the effects of a declining membership and anno domini. It was decided to make a number of changes to our fundraising calendar as follows: Annual Dinner to be replaced with a Coffee Evening at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall on 24 September. A Garden Party to be hosted by the branch chairman and his wife at 2 Church Close, Hoxne on 12 June from 2.30pm to which everyone is invited. A nominal charge will be made, which includes food and refreshments. The

remaining meetings for 2011 will be held on the first Wednesday of June, September and November at which point the situation will be reviewed. The Christmas Bazaar will be held at Brome Village Hall in November.

It is with a sad heart that these decisions have been taken but we can see no alternative, however the Branch will continue to support the Annual Poppy Appeal, Remembrance Day and the aims of the Royal British Legion in their duty to help our servicemen and women past and present and we hope we can look forward to your continued support.

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■ The new fitness facility at Stradbroke Swimming Pool is now open.

Work on the new £550,000 suite began in December 2011. It was unveiled to the public during an open weekend in May. The work has almost doubled the size of the existing centre and will give members access to some of the very latest equipment and facilities in the area.

Relegation kicks in promotion penalty

The last two months of the season were very eventful for AFC Hoxne. Concentrating purely on the results of both teams; as the season drew to a close it was not clear in which divisions of the Ipswich League our teams would play next season.

On the eve of the final round of matches, the 1st XI had a dispute with the league over allegedly fielding a senior player and consequently having three points deducted. If relegated to Division Three, the 1st XI could, theoretically, be in the same division as the 2nd XI promoted from Division Four. But that is unworkable.

Anyway, since my last report the 1st XI results did improve sufficiently to give them a chance of avoiding relegation with four wins and four defeats.

There was a 3:2 home win over bottom club Elmswell and three away wins at AFC Crowley of Needham Market, 3:2, Great Blakenham 2:1 and Sporting 87 of Bury St. Edmunds, 3:0. At the same time we suffered four home defeats, to Bramford Road Old Boys of Ipswich 1:5, Benhall 3:7, Sporting 87, 0:1 and Bramford Utd 2:9. During March, April and early May, the 2nd XI won six, drew one (1 - 1 at Stonham Aspel A) and lost two - 1:0 at Coddendam and 4:3 at Henley Reserves. There were three home wins over Aldeburgh 3:2, Sizewell Ass. 3:0 and Sporting 87 Reserves 4:1. Away from home the 'Stiffs' have been successful at Sporting 87, 4:3, Bramford Utd. Res.

4:0 and Bramford Road Old Boys Reserves 2:1.

But in the final round of fixtures on May 7 the 1st XI lost 6:2 away to Parkside UTD of Ipswich.

This defeat confirmed relegation to Division Three after seven seasons in Division Two. The 2nd XI completed their programme with a 5:0 home win over Salvation Army Reserves of Stowmarket. This meant finishing runners-up, just a season after promotion from Division Five.

Unfortunately, due to the 1st XI's relegation to Division Three, the 2nd XI is not able to move up to the higher division.

Clive Baxter - President

Successful start

Hoxne Bowls Club's New Waveney League captain, Kristian Garnham led his team to successive victories in April. May saw the start of the Border League competition and five club players start their campaigns in the county competitions.

The club is also organising 'roll ups' for club members and guests, so if anyone is interested in trying the sport contact Roger Knight (01379 668403).

HSA winners

Hoxne School Association lottery results.

April: £20 Mark Goddard; £15 N & V Bradford; £10 K Biggs.

May: £20 Polly Potter, £15 Mrs. Humphrey-Moore, £10.00 Paul Potter.

SYLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Chairman Mr J Leader

With the Parish Council's annual meeting delayed by a week, owing to the Eastern Angles production on 11th May, the Village Voice deadline was missed and so this report is based on what was known before the meeting.

Parish Council - Six of the previous seven councillors stood for re-election but, despite publicity, there were no other nominees and so the election was uncontested. Mr Clive (Billy) Revell did not stand and residents will want to thank him for the years he has spent on the Parish Council. The resulting vacancy will be considered at the annual meeting on 18th May.

Brome Household Waste Centre – congratulations to Hoxne Parish Council and others for persuading the authorities to defer the decision to close this valuable facility. It is hoped the powers-that-be will listen to local voices.

Cruse Bereavement Care in Suffolk is in urgent need of volunteers to help in a variety of roles, involving being a good listener, using email and basic computer skills or working on the telephone. Training is provided so, if this could be for you, phone 01245 233518 or email Suffolk@cruse.org.uk

Police continue to keep us well-informed of local problems including, most recently, cable thefts. They say 'Scrap metal is still fetching high prices and, along with lead and copper piping, we are seeing telephone cabling being stolen' and they believe that farmers, gamekeepers, drivers and dog walkers may well spot unusual activity. If so, call 01473 6613500. Police are also offering Bikesafe workshops for motorcycle riders; the workshops are held at Police HQ at Martlesham Heath and take place on selected Fridays and Saturdays during the summer. The cost is £55 per person, call 01473 613730 for more details. A business crime seminar will take place on Friday 24th June from 10am – 4.15pm at the Athenaeum in Bury St Edmunds: details from the Clerk or www.safersuffolk.org.uk

Clerk – I was pleased that there was an early volunteer for the position of Clerk, following the note in the last Village Voice, and it is expected that Mrs Linda Bruce will be appointed at the annual meeting on 18th May. I am sure she will do a good job and I wish her well. This then, is my last report to *Village Voice* as Clerk to the Parish Council.

Mary Lewis

Next Meeting: Wednesday 13th July at 7.30pm.

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WINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council Vacancies

At the close of nominations for the election on 5th May there were five names put forward to be members of the Council leaving two vacancies to be filled by co-option as soon as possible. The new Council took office at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 16th May. Please contact the Clerk for an update regarding vacancies or if you would like more information about becoming a councillor.

Annual Parish Meeting

A report of the meeting on 16th May will be included in the next edition.

Planning

New Application

0385 /11 Airfield Industrial Estate (Eye). Two wind turbines.

Other application

3753/10 Trelawn Lodge, Vicarage Road (detached double garage, first floor and single storey extensions). Withdrawn by applicant.

Mains Drainage

The Parish Council has been pleased to receive more responses from residents concerning the proposed application for mains drainage in the village. An application will be submitted in the autumn in time for an evaluation during the winter months. There is still an opportunity to add your name to the list so as to strengthen the application as much as possible. Please contact the Clerk if you are unhappy with, or have experienced some difficulty with existing private drainage arrangements whether modern or older installations. As previously stated inclusion in the list accompanying the application does not constitute a commitment to connect should the application be successful and mains drainage is installed in the village

Brome Waste and Recycling

The campaign against closure of the site, originally scheduled for May, culminated in a series of public meetings including that in Hoxne on 5th April (at which more than one hundred people were present from local villages and further a field including south Norfolk). As many will know Suffolk County Council has responded to the strength of feeling by agreeing to defer closure while alternative approaches to keeping the site open or providing a satisfactory alternative are evaluated.

Parish Plan Annual Review

The Parish Council keeps the action plan associated with the Parish Plan under continuous review. The Plan, which was based on the most extensive survey of local aspirations and concerns, remains a route map and reference point underpinning the Councils' initiatives and informs its responses to new developments which may affect the community and character of the village. An end of year review of those action points falling in part or wholly to the council to implement was undertaken at the March meeting and a summary was presented at the Annual Parish Meeting (report in the next edition).

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Church has 'happy and productive' year

St Margaret's, Syleham has had a happy and productive year with good attendance at a variety of services and we thank God for all that we have enjoyed. We remembered the hungry at the Harvest Festival and the collection was sent to the charity 'Send a Cow'. Remembrance Day was marked by a quiet act of remembrance at the church, the Carol Service was lifted by the participation of the Amici Choir and Easter Sunday saw a full church for a Songs of Praise. On 1st May, we held a special service to celebrate and give thanks for the Royal Wedding and to remember our own anniversaries.

There have been two weddings and the baptism was expected to take place during May of the first child of a couple married here two

or three years ago.

Fun activities during the past year have included a safari supper, a cheese & wine evening, a children's holiday club, a harvest supper, a wine-tasting quiz and an Easter flower festival/art exhibition – as well as the more traditional summer lunch and fete – and all have gone really well.

The PCC is most grateful for the support given by the community, especially those who willingly offer practical help with events, ride in the Historic Churches Trust cycle ride and take care of the churchyard as a designated wildlife site. The church visitors' book is filling up with appreciative comments from people from all over the world who absorb the tranquillity of this ancient, sacred place of prayer.

The church now has a well-designed pair of porch gates, to keep the pigeons at bay; they are installed in tribute to Lt Col Leader and were funded by donations given in his memory.

Revd Canon Fiona Newton, our Vicar, is now a well known figure in the community and we also have the ministry of Revd Ron Orams. Revd Lorraine Dawson has moved on to complete her curacy in another group of parishes and we were sorry to see her go. Marion Minns recently stood down as churchwarden, after three years in the post; she has carried out her duties in an exemplary fashion and her gentle efficiency will be much missed. Mary Lewis was elected to take her place and joins John Leader who continues in office.

This report by St Margaret's PCC was given to Syleham's annual parish meeting



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Children's Play Area

The Parish Plan review noted progress in a number of areas but again highlighted the need to find a site for a children's' play area. Although it was not possible to proceed with the sites previously identified this has remained a priority issue. If you have or know of a site that could be suitable and might be available please contact the Clerk.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in June (date to be confirmed)

For further information: please contact David Jenvey, Clerk (01379 388184)

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Independent help

A local charity has announced that it can offer more help to older people in Suffolk who want to remain living independently in their own homes.

Age UK Suffolk has recently re-launched its Independence Advisors Service as a result of a new partnership with Supporting People Suffolk. "The Independence Advisors Service offers a home visit from a friendly, well informed advisor," said Independence Advisors' manager, Marsha Janssens. "We can visit anyone over 60 wherever they live in Suffolk and the visit is free."

To request a visit from an Independence advisor call Age UK Suffolk on 01473 288048, or email marsha.janssens@ageuksuffolk.org or write to Age UK Suffolk at 14 Hill View Business Park, Old Ipswich Road, Claydon, Ipswich, IP6 0AJ.

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Parish Council Vacancy

After nominations closed for the Parish Council Elections on 5th May there were two vacancies for members. It was expected that one or both vacancies would be filled by co-option at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 27th May (after this edition went to press) or otherwise as soon as possible thereafter.

Annual Parish Meeting

This was held on 18th May and a report will be included in the next edition.

Brome Waste and Recycling

Denham was well represented at the public meeting on 5th April in Hoxne. We were pleased to note that Suffolk County Council has responded to the strength of local feeling (evident at this and at other meetings) and has deferred closure of the site at least until the end of July during which time a working group of local people and representatives of Mid Suffolk District Council will explore ways in which a service can continue to be provided.

Council Customer Information Centre

Our district councillor Mrs Gibson-Harries reported at the last parish council meeting success in ensuring that the in person service provided by the Eye centre will continue at a new location in Eye (opposite HSBC). Opening times when MSDC staff will attend will be advertised.

Planning

- 0385/11 Airfield industrial Site (Eye). Two wind turbines
- 1131/11 Denham Site Horham Road, (Hoxne). Change of use of buildings to assembly and storage of solar PV systems and wind turbines (NOT involving any change to the interiors or the external appearance of the buildings).

Next Meeting

**The next meeting of the Council will be on Wednesday 29th June
in the Village Hall.**

**For further information please contact David Jenvey, Clerk
(01379 388184)**

Living life to the full...

*A word
from
Wingfield*

At my grandson's baptism the priest described the event as "spectangular". He quickly corrected himself. A friend said it was a new word that could be applied to the leaning tower. I believe the Wills and Kate event was spectangular too. We live in new times and need new words.

I wondered why Al Fayed was there having burned his Royal Warrant, but it was the King of Tonga, his spitting image. I met him as Crown Prince on Tonga's first Independence day, and he enquired whether I was related to a Simon Gee who was in his house at school. I so confirmed. And I knew his father, also a heavyweight whose London car plate was '1 TON'. The Diplomatic Corps has a sense of humour.

He was with us at the 1962 Commonwealth Education Conference in Canada bringing with him on the plane his own steel chair. He water-skied on the atoll at Nuku'alofa on an up-turned kitchen table firmly grasping two of the legs.

His head of his civil service was sent as a personal emissary to check out the new South Pacific University as my understudy back in 1969. He also sent his Royal carver to Auckland Museum to see traditional Tongan carvings that had survived 19C missionary bonfires. He stayed with me in Fiji on the way home, and carved me a copy of their fertility God. I am not sure whether it works for us here

in the West.

Other highlights for me included Kate's brother's reading from Paul's letter to the Romans which he projected from his heart. The WI must have been pleased that not only Blake's Jerusalem was sung but also one of his anthems as Blake is not entirely kosher in the C of E. But this was a contemporary wedding. Inevitably the reporters harked back to the wonderful 1947 wedding.

I was on HMS Glasgow, and we were carrying cargo from our Oz Governor General to the palace, and my job was to conceal this from a nosy *Times* reporter who came on board at Pompey where we were paying off.

I had yet to meet Anne aged 16 who that year was starring at the Oxford City Council's Town Hall Royal wedding celebration concert making her first professional debut with two soprano songs. I interrupted her career and we married the following year and left for Uganda.

When we returned home in 1965 her music led her to academe. Fortunately Asa Briggs encouraged mature students at Sussex. Twenty years later when we retired and went to PNG she discovered that UNE in Australia also took mature students and had a professorial supervisor who was the leading authority on aboriginal music. She took on the supervision of Anne's ►►

► research on the interface between Melanesian and Western church music. When we moved to Suffolk she turned to the English choral tradition, but she fell ill and could not complete her PhD. But she achieved a great deal. Indeed she even sang solo in the Albert Hall. Wherever we were she started choirs and shared her singing skills with students. Her speciality was 'singing for those who can't'.

She was a squirrel and kept everything. There is a four foot high collection of music, every programme of concerts she attended or organised, several thousand music books, a grand piano, music stands, batons, metronomes – all the legacy of a musical life.

So Nathaniel has arranged a memorial concert for her in Wingfield Church at 3pm on Saturday 11 June. Her friend Jacqui Dankworth will sing as will Liz Brice with songs by Handel and Purcell from Anne's repertoire. The Harleston Choral Society will perform Haydn's Nelson Mass. There is an open invitation to this concert. Jane Greenwood will serve tea in the college afterwards.

Looking back I realise that we lived life to the full. I was introduced to a distinguished scholar whose life began with Uganda primates, and discovered he had sung in a choir with Anne in Kampala in the 50's. When Indira Ghandi came there Anne was President of the Uganda Council of Women and I was introduced to her as 'Mrs Gee's' husband. That title was accurate so it stuck.

I hope Kate and Wills will lead a full life in all its majesty. We commoners have that opportunity too.

Just a few words about Wingfield. The Old Forge, next to the de la Pole Arms - which it is hoped will soon do food as heretofore - has been thatched and greatly enhances the historic village centre. The nave lights in the church have been improved.

Wingfield Barns, now clearly brown-signed, has a lively programme thanks to Lesley Jackson. Michael Harvey's work on Abbey (community) Wood is evident and worth a visit. A Deanery re-organisation will take place when David Streeter retires, and Wingfield expects to be re-united with Hoxne. TG

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Rally promises 'bigger and better'

Horham Bygones Country Rally – on Saturday June 11 from 10am until 5pm – looks as if it is going to be bigger and better than ever this year.

Originally started in 2002 as a one-off to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee the rally has gone from strength to strength and become an annual feature in the village of Horham.

The event regularly attracts 100 historic tractors. The tractors and other farm machinery join historic military vehicles, stationary engines, cars and motorcycles as well as working horses, mules from the Burma Mules Tribute, demonstrations of crafts from New Reeding Woods Group and working fire engines. As well as being a big draw for anyone who wants to see old farm machinery and horses in action it is also a big fun day for all the family as there should be fair-ground rides for smaller children and a variety of stalls.

Last year more than 3,000 visitors flocked into the village. Not only does the event generate much needed funds for the Horham Community Council it also offers charities, including the Royal British Legion and East Anglian Children's Hospice, the opportunity to attend, free of charge, in order to promote their organisations and raise funds.

There will be many local caterers – from ice creams and coffees to burgers and hog roast. There are also trade stands and bric-a-brac stalls. The Rally is on Horham and

Athelington Recreation Field on the B1117 between Eye and Stradbroke. Admission: adults £4, concessions £2, family ticket £10, accompanied under 5s free. There will be free parking with a dedicated disabled parking area. Contact for rally information: Gary Woodrow 740496 or Don Moyes 07894 903829 or visit www.horhambygones.co.uk/ for more information. On Sunday there will be a road run in aid of the East Anglian Children's Hospice.



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The day a rocket came to earth...

Stephen Govier reports on an event that shook Hoxne in September 1944

I was recently contacted about a V2 rocket, which landed in Hoxne on the 25th of September 1944 in a field at the bottom of Clink Hill. According to German war records it was fired from Rijsterbos, Mirnserlaene in the Netherlands. Hartismere Rural District Council reported that 12 properties suffered from the explosion and fall out from the bomb which caused minor damage to the village.

I can recall talking to William Arthur Banham about this incident and he recalled that a number of windows were broken and that his greenhouse

was also damaged. Other witnesses to this event were Barbara Hancock who recalls visiting the scene at the bomb crater with friends.

Helen and Doreen Gilman of Low Street were out cycling when a tremendous blast of wind came through a small wood near to the road and took them off their cycles.

If anyone has any further information or memories about flying rockets landing in Hoxne, please get in contact.

SG



Above - a V1 doodlebug; right, a V2 rocket

Old Hoxne restored...

A framed copy of a restored plan of Hoxne dating from 1700 will shortly be on display in Hoxne Church. The original plan was restored by Dominic Wall of Suffolk Record Office with funding from Mid Suffolk District Council and Hoxne Parish Council. The plan by Thomas Dade the surveyor includes properties owned by Lord Maynard of Hoxne Hall. This property is shown along with the old deer park at Park Farm

on the Chickering Road. It is interesting to look at the field boundaries, buildings and roads at this time and compare these details with a modern map of the village. Thanks to Hoxne Parish Council and Mid Suffolk District Council for funding this project. If anyone would like to see the original this is at Suffolk Record Office in Ipswich under the reference HB 21:280/1.

SG

Welcome to Mick Glynn's Health and Fitness Column

Cellulite Busting Foods

Orange peel, dimply, cottage cheese thighs and bottoms are the bane of many women aspiring to look their best in a bikini. Cellulite appears when fat deposits under the skin push through the connective tissue. Hormone imbalances, your genes, excess weight, circulation problems, inflammation or sluggish lymphatic system all play a part. Although hormones play a large part of this, it doesn't mean there's nothing you can do.

Eat Your Greens

Broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and brussel sprouts are all great for supporting the liver's detoxification enzymes...you need to support the pathway that helps rid the body of excess oestrogen. Eat plenty of sulphur-rich foods such as onions and garlic to help the liver get rid of toxins.

Stay Hydrated

Drink 1.5-2 Litres of water a day...more or less depending on your activity and size. Your body needs regular fresh water to eliminate waste water to reduce water retention. Add antioxidants to your drinks such as cucumber and spinach, these can be juiced for a potent antioxidant mix. Vitamin C is vital for creating healthy collagen so add kiwi, apple or orange to the mix.

Proteins

Fish, chicken, eggs, beans and pulses contain amino acids that help your body produce collagen which helps support your skin - so eat lean, and eat beans and lentils.

Good Fats

Omega-3 fats hydrate your skin and expand blood vessels to improve circulation and blood flow. Have oily fish, such as sardines, mackerel, fresh tuna or salmon twice a week. If you are a vegetarian include plenty of plant-based omega-3 such as walnuts, flaxseeds or flax oil, pumpkin seeds and soya beans.

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Abbey ruins open for first time since 2003

A rare opportunity to view the ruins of Sibton Abbey will take place the last weekend in June. The ruins of the abbey were last open to the public in 2003, and on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June the charity, the Friends of St Peters, will be opening them again, with the permission of the owner. This is Suffolk's only Cistercian Abbey and nestles in the valley of the Yox, almost opposite Sibton church.

Opening times are from 10.30am to 4pm both days and entry tickets are £5 adults, £2.50 children age 5-16 years old, and under 5s free, available on the gate.

No dogs are allowed and visitors are asked to wear sensible shoes. The

ruins are not suitable for wheelchair access.

Parking for the Abbey Ruins is on the field opposite Abbey Farm on the A1120, midway between Sibton Church and Sibton Nursery School (the old primary school).

At the same times as the Abbey Ruins will be open there will be a display of local history in the church, and refreshments will be served there, including cream teas. Parking for the church will be on the glebe meadow the Yoxford side of the church.

All proceeds from the weekend will go to the Friends of St Peters, a registered charity. For further details please contact Rosie or Di on 01728 660369/660236.

'Songbirds' in harmony on the Fen

Redgrave and Lopham Fen, National Nature Reserve, will be the setting for a unique evening of musical entertainment this July.

Suffolk Wildlife Trust is bringing together the voices of opera singers from the Guildhall School of Music in London with the natural delights of the largest remaining valley fen in England.

Ticket holders are invited to enjoy a picnic or an early evening stroll around the Fen before taking their seats for the open air performance, sung from a balcony overlooking the 325 acre reserve. A classical operatic repertoire will be supplemented with one or two surprises and is sure to delight.

The concert will take place on Sunday July 17th from 7pm – 9pm. Gates will be open from 6pm. Tickets, which need to be booked in advance, are £12.50 and include a complimentary glass of wine or fruit juice at the interval. Tickets are available from Redgrave and Lopham Fen Visitor Centre, open at weekends and bank holidays 10am – 5pm, or by post. Please ring 01379 688333 for more information.

■ A special tour of the Fen, led by reserve manager Andrew Excell, to celebrate the 50th birthday of Suffolk Wildlife Trust at the site where it all began, is planned for June 21 at 6.30pm. Adults £3; children £1. Call 01473 890089.

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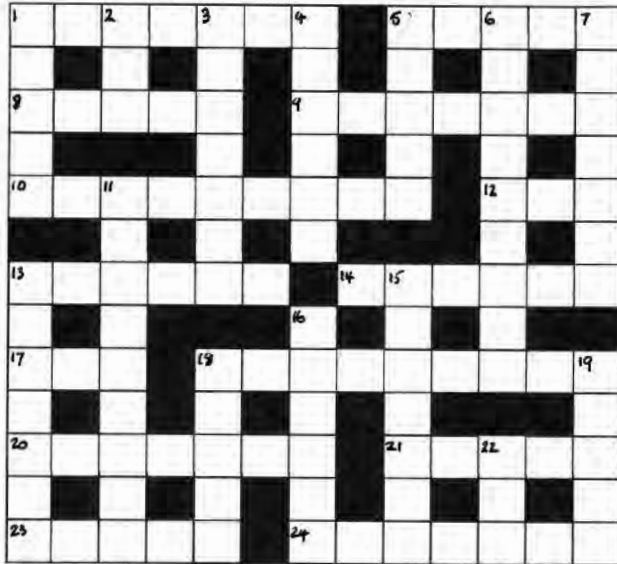
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE No. 82

The prize for the first correct solution opened to crossword puzzle No. 81 went to S. Theobald of Harleston. The solution appears below.



ACROSS

DOWN

- 1 Console one in luxury (7)
- 5 Maths class furniture (5)
- 8 Unpleasant animal (5)
- 9 Let go and hire out again (7)
- 10 Rob Nellie in the uprising (9)
- 12 Long time in the rain (3)
- 13 Jumpy time of year (6)
- 14 Casually come and go, like the wind (6)
- 17 For attention of backward lout (3)
- 18 Downtrodden media in the grass (9)
- 20 Drunk on brine and vinegar (7)
- 21 Do its natives walk in single file? (5)
- 23 Additional clause for jockey (5)
- 24 Army unit docked and on a diet (7)

- 1 Brace shattered at Highland games (5)
- 2 Extinct bird found back in Naomi (3)
- 3 Ran tool to create songbird (7)
- 4 Sluggish tripod moved (6)
- 5 Tonal change caused by claw (5)
- 6 Scattered balls seem innocent (9)
- 7 Promote to the heights (7)
- 11 Smooth liar (9)
- 13 Nosey Parker's dream job (7)
- 15 Fish dancing in circle (7)
- 16 Arachnid on snooker table (6)
- 18 Straight sort of leader (5)
- 19 Looking haggard after tied match (5)
- 22 Mother sounding cross (3)

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE NO. 81



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